

The LIONS That ROAR

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District 26-M2

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District Governor

Lion Wally Brumfield



1st Vice District Governor

Lion Jeff Rackovan



2nd Vice District Governor

Lion Phillip Karrer



Cabinet Secretary

Lion Kelly Rackovan



Cabinet Treasurer

Lion Joseph
Schroeder

District 26-M2 Governor Wally's Message

Fellow Lions,

The holiday season is fast approaching, preparations for family gatherings and holiday events are progressing. As we rush from store to store, we must remember that there are some people who cannot go from store to store. Many have little hope of a hot holiday meal. There are many organizations that directly help the homeless and those down on their luck. As I have been reminded on a number of occasions, our slogan "WE SERVE" is not a seasonal activity.

This time a year is also when many clubs are holding many of their major events. This is also the time when many of these clubs could use a little extra help. Many hands make light work. Lions helping Lions is not just a saying, it's what we do.

I find that there are still many time we hold an event, people attend and have no idea where the monies raised are going. We hold events, participate in BBQs, and hold raffles. Does the general public know where or how the monies we collect is distributed. People need to know that much of what we collect stays in the local community.

We serve because we care.

One World---One People----We Serve

*Lion Wallace Brumfield,
District Governor*

District 26-M2 - 1st VDG Jeff's Message

Greetings Lions of 26M2!!!

Here we are. Fall is falling. Colors are starting to change. But what I do see changing is the amount of service and community engagement going on within the clubs and within the District. We have the momentum, and membership recruitment is in full swing! And that's a great thing! As the cabinet attends club visits, I see a lot of Legacy activities happening!!

Clubs are very busy. Let's not lose that momentum. Membership and Service, Service and Membership! What a great thing to see. We have witnessed new members being inducted into some clubs that put their best foot forward. Continue those activities.

I'd like to continue to thank you for all the effort and hard work! As we are moving forward, I would like to encourage all clubs to continue to report their service into the portal. Just remember, even club meetings and committee meetings are considered service

We have a Mid-Winter Forum coming up in February in the works and from what I have been gathering, it's going to be a fantastic event. There are a lot of training opportunities for leadership advancement. If anyone would like to take a leadership role going forward, please reach out to any of the cabinet members for information of leadership opportunities. This can apply to outside of Lions as well. Learn to Lead and Lead to Learn!!

Let's keep up the great work serving and making things happen and focus on the 1.5 initiative 1.5 million ... It's a reachable goal.

To Make a difference, we need to Continue to "Be the Difference".

Yours in Service,

*Lion Jeff Rackovan,
1st Vice District Governor*

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District 26-M2 – 2nd VDG Phil's Message

Fellow Lions,

I am excited to be on this journey with all of you. It will be a fantastic learning experience with lots of growth and bumps along the road. The most exciting part of the journey will be getting to know those that I have not met yet. I am looking forward to hearing your great ideas for activities, service projects, and membership drives. If there is assistance need to fulfill any of your goals do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.

We are all supporting DG Wally in his endeavor for ONE WORLD, ONE PEOPLE, WE SERVE. That being said; many hands make lighter work. We were able to show growth in our district last year which is awesome so keep up the great work.

My challenge to all in the district no matter how long you have been a lion is to challenge yourself to learn and stay excited about Lionism. We need everyone to continue to grow so you will hopefully want to take the next step into leadership. We are always looking for those that want to step up in any manner.

In closing; please continue to report your service hours. Our goal is to have every club reporting through the portal. If you need assistance, please ask. Thank you for supporting your District 26M2 Cabinet.

Yours in Lionism

*Lion Phil Karrer,
2nd Vice District Governor*



District 26-M2

2025-2025 Calendar of Events

DG Lion Wally Brumfield

Updated 08/04/2025 (* denotes additions or changes)

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

October 2025

25th. Saturday: Midtown Lions Club BBQ at Missouri Council of the Blind, 5453 Chippewa.
Serving at 4:00 pm.

*25th, Saturday: Annual Gus Heck Memorial Trivia Night @ The Pavillion At Jefferson Barracks. Contact: Lion Chris Peterein chrispeterein@hotmail.com 314-630-6622

25th, Saturday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ Jefferson City, MO

*29th, Wednesday: Dine and Donate Fundraiser for Maplewood Lions Club @ Pasta House
– Afton, 9012 Gravois Rd, Affton, MO 314-638-1240

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District 26-M2
2025-2026 Calendar of Events
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November 2025

- 1st, Saturday: Chesterfield Lions Club Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction @ trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017. \$30 per person/\$240 per table. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Free drinks, attendance prizes and cash prizes. Call 636-733-0425 to reserve you table. Mail checks to Lion Janet Weinrich, 15201 Olive Blvd, Apt 415, Chesterfield, MO 63017.
- *1st, Saturday: De Soto Lions Mouse races @ VFW 1831, 1651 Veterans Drive, DeSoto, MO. Dors open at 6:30pm and races starting at 7pm.
- *3rd, Monday: District 26-M2 GAT Meeting @ Pacific Lions Club, 319 W. Meramec St, Pacific, MO 63069.

December 2025

- *1st, Monday: District 26-M2 Cabinet Meeting @ Eureka Elks Lodge, 19 West 1st Street, Eureka, MO 63025. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Dinner @ 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Cabinet Secretary Kelly Rackovan 314-808-7638.



Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!
Thanks to all Lions who have brought in new members this past year.
Continue to work towards increasing our membership.
(August 2025 – September 2025)

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

TIMOTHY N HOWARD

MEHLVILLE LIONS CLUB

SANDY MICKLEY

DE SOTO LIONS CLUB

SHARON ALBRIGHT

MERAMEC HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB

KEN LOERCH

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

BRAD MOORE
TODD TIEMAN

PACIFIC LIONS CLUB

LAURA SIMMS

GERALD LIONS CLUB

ISAIAH A EBKER
NICOLE M EBKER
NICK ELBERT

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB

SCOTT D VILLMER

UNION LIONS CLUB

EMILY A YOUNG

KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB

LAURA PILLAI
PRAGASH PILLAI

VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

CHRISTOPHER DUERKSEN
DALE ADAM HABIG
LOIS A HEWKIN

Certificate of Accomplishment

During the October 6, 2025, District 26-M2 Cabinet Meeting, DG Lion Wally Brumfield presented to PDG Lion Devin Struttman the LCIF Certificate of Accomplishment, signed by Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson and Past International President.

Lion Devin, along with PDG Lion Leon Hove, have been the LCIF District Coordinators for District 26-M2 for the past several years. Lion Leon, who has moved out of the district, has also received the Certificate of Accomplishment.

Congratulations Lion Devin!



DG Lion Wally (left) presenting the Certificate of Accomplishment to PDG Lion Devin Struttman (right).



Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Calendar of Events

October 12 – M2 Eye Mission in St Louis (Magdala House) – 11 AM-1 PM

October 16 – M5 Eye Mission in Belton – 4 PM-8 PM

October 18 – M5 Eye Mission in Marshall – 9 AM-1 PM

October 18 – M3 Eye Mission in Mexico MO (Mexico YMCA) – 10 AM-1 PM

November 1 – M5 Eye Mission in Sedalia – 1 PM-4 PM

November 8 – M1 Eye Mission in Waynesville/Fort Leonard Wood

November 16 – M2 Eye Mission in St Louis (St Peter & Paul Church)

March 5 – M6 Eye Mission in Kimberling City (4 Ozark Seniors)

March 12 – M6 Eye Mission in Branson

March 27-28 – MD26 International Eye Mission in Monterrey, Mexico

April 7 – M2 Eye Mission in Bonne Terre (Rural Parish Clinic)

April 18 – M5 Eye Mission in Nevada – 9 AM-1 PM



BINGO IN **BEAUFORT** *Every Friday Night*

THE GAMES
BEGIN AT **6:30 PM**

FULL BAR & FULL MEAL AVAILABLE
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
COFFEE & SOFT DRINKS
AND FINGER FOODS TO ORDER

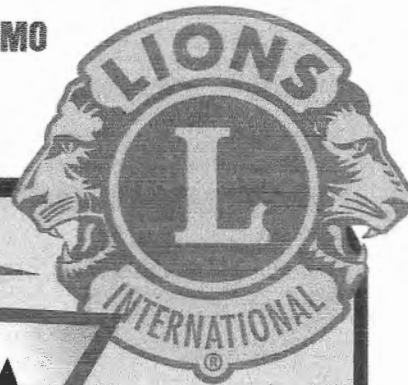
BINGO
PULL TABS
PROGRESSIVE
QUEEN OF HEARTS



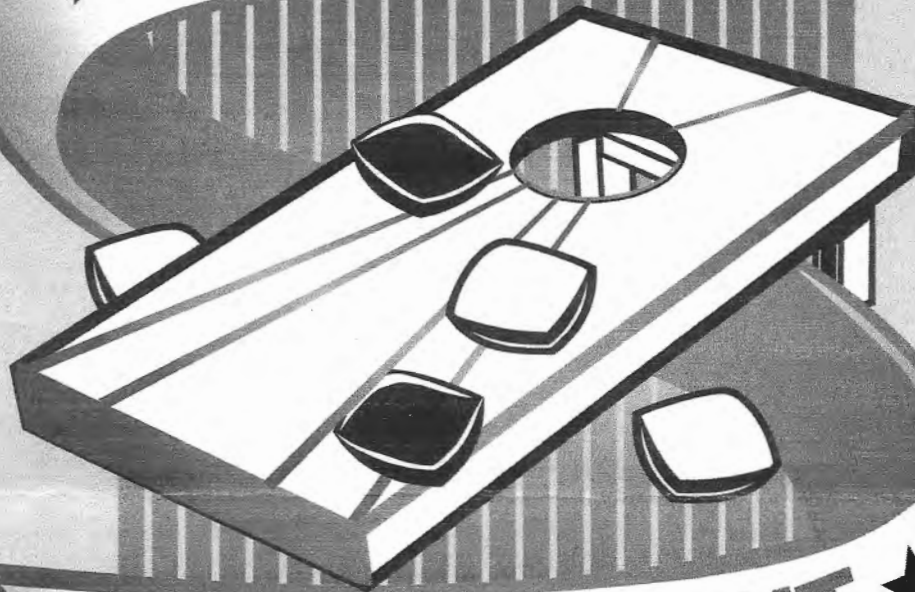
BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

2041 Lutheran Church Rd., Beaufort, MO 63013
(573) 484-3790

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT



★ **CORNHOLE** ★



★ **TOURNAMENT** ★

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM
PLAY STARTS AT 7PM



BRING YOUR OWN BAGS
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!
\$5 LAST MAN STANDING
6 GAME GUARANTEE
AIRMAIL TICKETS TO BE SOLD

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SCOREHOLIO APP - TOURNAMENT WILL BE RUN OFF THIS APP.
FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR TEXT SETH PURSCHKE AT 314-852-4753

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

Presents

FISH FOR SIGHT®

FISHING TOURNAMENT

34th ANNUAL BUDDY BASS TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

LAKE OF THE OZARKS - Public Access (PB #2)

Entry Fee - \$200 Per Boat (Includes Big Bass)

\$25.00 discount to the active military and first responders



First Place ... \$10,000

One Place Per 10 Entries



**1 Big Bass — \$1,000
Special Guy & Gal Division**

In Cooperation with:

*Kutis Funeral Homes, Inc. • Smith Moore & Company
LiUNA Local 110 • Big Bear Roofing • Syberg's Restaurants*

Proceeds to Benefit (Sight)

*Complimentary Fish Fry Friday with beverages
from 5:00 to 7:30pm*

*night before the tournament and
BBQ during the weigh-in on Saturday.
Auction & Raffles*

*For Additional Information Call Tom Harper at
314.607-2050 or www.fishforsight.org*

Southside Lions Club

Gus Heck Trivia Night



SIGN UP NOW!

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Round Sponsorships just \$100

\$200 per table of 8! Beer, Wine and Soda!

Doors open at 6pm!

Trivia Starts at 7pm!

Saturday October 25th

FUN GAMES

COOL PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION

The Pavilion at Lemay

305 Gregg Rd.

St. Louis, Mo. 63125

Contact Lion Chris Peterein
chrispeterein@hotmail.com



FENTON LIONS CLUB RAFFLE



**SAVAGE 6.5 PRC
WITH CROSSFIRE II 3-9x40 SCOPE**

WINNING TICKET WILL BE PULLED OCTOBER 28th. @ 7:30pm

\$2_{EA.} OR 3 FOR \$5



**Contact Lion Dave Kinkade: 636-343-8097, dekinkade@aol.com,
or any Fenton Lions Club member for tickets and information.**



DINE & DONATE

fundraiser at

The Pasta House Co. in Affton
9012 Gravois Rd.
314-638-1240

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

**supporting:
Mapelwood
Lions Club**

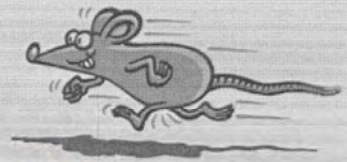


Present this flyer to your server and proceeds from your meal will be donated to the organization listed above.



Please present this flyer when dining in or picking up to support the fundraiser. Tax, gratuity and the purchase of gift cards are excluded from this event. Fundraiser offer only valid on the dates and locations listed above. Valid for dine in or take out.

DESOTO LIONS CLUB



MOUSE RACES
NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025

VFW POST 1831

1651 Veterans Dr. DeSoto Mo. 63020

RACES START @ 7PM

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM

Sponsor a Race for \$100

***Free Admission**

Auction*

50/50

Food and Drinks Available for Purchase

INFO Karen Johnston 314-550-5011



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB
TRIVIA
NIGHT
& SILENT AUCTION



Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

- **\$30 PER TICKET / \$240 PER TABLE (8 PER TEAM)**
- **DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM**
- **FREE DRINKS**
- **ATTENDANCE PRIZES**
- **CASH PRIZES**

All proceeds go toward providing assistance in our community & supporting local organizations such as:

- Circle of Concern
- Lafayette Industries
- St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf
- Delta Gamma Foundation
- the St. Louis Eye Care Committee
- And More!



Call 636-733-0425
to Reserve Your
Table Now!

Mail Checks To:
Janet Weinrich
15201 Olive Blvd. Apt. 425
Chesterfield, MO 63017



House Springs Lions Club Trivia Night
benefitting KidSight

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

10 rounds of Trivia, 50/50s, Raffle, Lotto Boards,
DJ, and Silent Auction

\$30 a person or \$240 for a table of 8

Open bar - beer, wine, mixed drinks, and soda

Bring your own snacks for your table.

Knights of Columbus Hall

6800 Knights of Columbus Lane

House Springs, MO

Enter from Dulin Creek Road

To purchase a table or sponsorship

contact Pat at pm4641@aol.com or 314-560-7730

The background of the entire flyer is a dense, overlapping layer of autumn leaves in various shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The leaves are scattered across the entire page, creating a textured, seasonal backdrop for the text.

LIONS DISTRICT 26-M2 / ZONE 3

Fenton, House Springs, Meramec Heights, Valley Park

MEETING & COMMUNITY PROJECT

at Meramec Heights Clubhouse

1070 West Outer 21 Rd., Arnold, MO 63010

SAT., NOV. 8TH

4:00 P.M. - ?

***CHILI, HOT DOGS
& BONFIRE***

***Wear Your Halloween Costume 1 more time!!**

Bring your lawn chair and drinks.

Collection for Gateway Food Pantry:

**Canned Goods, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Diapers, Dry
Food (cereals, instant potatoes, gravy mix, stuffing mix),
Soaps (Kitchen & Bathroom) Cleaning Products**

If you have any questions, please call Lion Phil Karrer,

Zone 3 Chairman – 314-397-1070

MID-SOUTH COMES TO MISSOURI

2025-2026 Second Quarterly Meeting

14–15 November 2025

Registration closes Nov 15 at 11:00am



LOCATION

Overland MO Lions Club Hall
2358 Lackland Rd Overland, MO 63114

SELECTIONS

All Events

\$25

Friday Hospitality

\$15

Saturday Lunch

\$10

Attendee Only (No Meals)

Free



Details

The second quarterly meeting of 2025-2026 for the Mid-South Lions will be November 14-15 at the Overland MO Lions Club Hall at 2358 Lackland Rd, Overland, MO 63114

There will be a hospitality night on Friday, November 14 at the Overland MO Lions Club Hall. Dinner will be served, and there will be food, drinks, and fun galore. The menu includes meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks.

Saturday morning the Overland Lions will be providing breakfast from 8-9 AM. The wonderful breakfast will include all-you-can-eat eggs, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, orange juice, coffee and milk.

Our committee meetings will be IN PERSON beginning at 9:15 AM. A TENTATIVE agenda for committee meetings is listed below.

Following committee meetings the board will meet. Lunch will be served at about noon as we discuss the business of Mid-South. Saturday's lunch (I don't know how we will be able to eat after all that breakfast!) menu is pork steaks, hot dogs, brats, baked beans, cole slaw, baked potatoes, and drinks.

COST FOR ALL THE MEALS IS \$25 PER PERSON. Meals will be provided by the Overland MO Lions Club.

The HQ Hotel will be the Doubletree Westport at 1973 Craigshire Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146. Hotel reservations can be made by clicking the link below. The rates are \$129 plus tax per night. The group code is LCB. For detailed hotel information call 314-212-2137 OR 314-434-0100.

<https://group.doubletree.com/xsz152>

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We look forward to seeing you in Missouri in November! Thanks again for your support of Mid-South Lions.



UNION LIONS CLUB

Annual Thanksgiving Eve

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



NOV. 26 - KC HALL, UNION

REGISTRATION at 5:30 PM

GAME STARTS AT 6 PM

\$25 PER PLAYER

(2-PLAYER TEAMS)

**Double elimination &
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place**

Cash bar & food available for purchase

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT UNION LIONS CHARITIES



Christmas Party

for the Bennett Project

December 3rd

Overland LIONS Hall

6pm - Hospitality

6:30 - Dinner \$15

Please bring a dessert or auction item

New unwrapped toys for Bennett Kids

RSVP by November 24th

to Lion Sandy Halama

halamas@sbcglobal.net

314-795-7456

House Springs Lions Christmas Parade

December 13, 2025

Line up on church lot at 5 pm.
Parade starts at 7 pm.

For more information contact Kim at
kimrnpat@sbcglobal.net or
314-422-8788

The
parade
theme
is
“Frosty
the
Snowman.”



Registration is \$15 per group.

Important

Please register your float or group on
Tuesday, December 2 from 6 - 8 pm
Saturday, December 6 from 9 am - 12:30 pm
or

Tuesday, December 9 from 6 - 8 pm
at the
Jefferson County Library - NW Branch
5680 Highway PP
High Ridge, MO



Bring canned goods. We donate them to
pantries in our area.



Kirkwood Lions Club

Come join us for an evening of fun and trivia at the Crestwood Community Center, 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood, MO 63126 on **Saturday, January 31, 2026** at 7pm. Doors open at 6:15pm

- Soda and snacks provided
- Door prizes awarded
- Cash prizes for the top 3 teams
- Entry fee is \$180 per table of 8 and 1 free mulligan included. Additional mulligans can be purchased
- 10 categories of 10 questions each for a total of 100
- We will also host a silent auction and 50/50 drawings, with winners announced throughout the evening

****Kirkwood Lions Club will be celebrating 100 years of service in 2026 supporting our mission of vision and hearing in our community**





Mark your calendars for a milestone celebration! On *April 18, 2026*, join us in the beautiful Discovery Ballroom at Ameristar Resort and Spa for the **2nd Annual Shining Light Gala**—a spectacular evening honoring **75 years of DGCKids**.

Together, under the glow of celebration and purpose, we'll reflect on a legacy of service, resilience, and possibility, while raising critical support for children who are blind or visually impaired.

Every sponsorship, ticket purchased, and story shared helps DGCKids continue to provide life-changing services, empowering children to thrive. Let's make this evening unforgettable—because every child deserves to shine!

Ticket and table purchases will be available soon!

For details on tickets and tables, connect with **Lauren Sanders**, Development Manager, at lsanders@dgckids.org or call **314-776-1300**.

Lions District 26-M2

Lions Assistance and Service (LAS)

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Correct Operating Procedures for this year for processing requests. The Correct Operating Procedure is noted as follows:

1. The call comes in to the Hot Line and the requestor is directed to the 26M2 Lions website <https://lions26m2.org/resources.html> for eye care and hearing resources.
2. The requestor completes the required form and sends it to the address noted on the form.
3. Request is received at the LAS Post Office Box.
4. The request is reviewed for completeness.
5. The reviewed request is logged and forwarded to the LAS to be assigned to a local club.
6. The LAS chair forwards the request to the club or club closest to the geographical location.
7. The assigned club reviews and accepts the request to be processed (or denies due to budgetary issues)
 - a. If denied by the Local Club the LAS will direct to the closest club in that geographical area.
8. The assigned club reports back to the LAS regarding the status of the request.
 - a. Assigned
 - b. In progress
 - c. Forwarded
 - d. Closed (Complete)
9. If ANY Lions club receives an independent request OUTSIDE of the LAS line, please contact the LAS chair with the following information.
 - a. Date received
 - b. Requestors Name
 - c. ZIP CODE
 - d. Club Name assisting
 - e. Date of completion

We would like to hear from everyone and to recognize the great work that you are doing in your community.

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Chair – Lions Assistance and Services (LAS)

Las@lions26M2.org

Please Remember These Lions

(August 2025 – September 2025)

CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB

DONALD F BARR
JANINE HARRIS

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

DEL VIEHLAND

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

PAUL E COPE

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB

BECKY BLAKE

GERALD LIONS CLUB

PDG DAVID G LEIGHT

Please Continue to Keep These Lions and All Who Have Passed Before In Your Prayers

Deadline for the next scheduled issue of “The Lions That Roar” is **December 12, 2025**. Now is the time for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Do you have a “Did You Know” article? Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at:

editor@lions26m2.org

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, the District 26-M2 “The Lions That Roar” newsletter is published bimonthly. The following is the “ROAR” schedule for the Lion year of 2025 – 2026. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

December	2025
February	2026
April	2026
June	2026

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor